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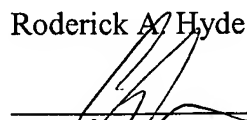
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (substitute form). Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are attached.

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- New Utility Patent Application Transmittal and Fee Transmittal (+ copy)
- Specification (26 pages)
- 13 Sheets of Drawings (Figs. 1-11)
- Declaration and Power of Attorney
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- Form PTO-1449 (substitute) and copies of 6 cited references

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